

U.S.-U.K. flights might halt

WASHINGTON, June 21 (R). — Transportation Secretary Brock Adams warned Americans today that scheduled air services between the United States and Britain would probably cease at midnight. He blamed the British government for the predicted halt. Flights between the United States and Hong Kong would also stop. "Responsibility for this unfortunate action, if it occurs, rests with the British government," he told a press conference barely eight hours before a 31-year-old Anglo-American air treaty was due to expire. He said: "The report this afternoon from special Ambassador Alan Boyd in London is that chances of a settlement before midnight tonight are questionable."

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Amin's fate still a mystery

NAIROBI, June 21 (R). — Uganda left the world guessing tonight on the whereabouts of President Idi Amin, said in Kenya to have been hurt in an assassination attempt at the weekend but reported by others to be well and unharmed. The Kenya News Agency said shots were fired at the president's car on Saturday, wounding him. It quoted diplomatic sources in Kampala as saying a bloody purge ensued. But then Britain's Foreign Secretary, Dr. David Owen, told reporters in Luxembourg who asked him whether the British had any news about Field Marshal Amin: "My information is that he is alive and unharmed." Amin aides said on the telephone from his "command post" at Entebbe, near Kampala, he had not been seen since Friday.

After urging tighter Arab coordination

King Hussein leaves with Badran, Sharif Sharaf for Damascus today

AMMAN (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein leaves for Damascus Wednesday for consultations with Syrian President Hafez Assad. The King will be accompanied by his long-time Jordanian team including Prime Minister Mudar Badran and Chief of the Royal Court, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf.

Speaking to a visiting Egyptian press delegation, King Hussein Tuesday highlighted the urgent need for close Arab coordination in view of the critical situation in the region and the constant military threat posed by the Israeli occupation of Arab territory.

The King said that his assessment of the situation was that the new Israeli leadership had chosen the path of expansionism instead of peace. King Hussein added that following the coming contacts between the American administration and Mr. Menachem Be-

gin, the new Israeli prime minister, the American position would take on more definite shape, which he predicted would be consistent with the growing world support for a just solution in the region.

King Hussein told the members of the Egyptian press delegation that the settlement of the Middle East conflict should be based on total Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, recognition of legitimate rights in Palestine and the right of the Palestinians to self-determination, to set up a national entity and to determine their relation with their Arab brothers. It should also be based on the establishment of a just and permanent peace based on the U.N. Security Council's resolutions 242 and 338 he added.

The right of self-determination is sacred and ought to be enjoyed by all people, His

Majesty said. The Palestinians have been deprived of it from the start; they should be allowed to practise it in an atmosphere of complete freedom, he said.

On the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the Geneva peace conference, His Majesty said that originally Jordan had proposed a unified Arab delegation to attend the conference and to represent all parties concerned but the idea did not meet with an Arab consensus. Also the PLO had made it known that it preferred to attend the conference as an independent party. "We adhere to the Rabat summit resolution," His Majesty said, "and we support Palestinian participation in all peace efforts. However, we consider that the question of achieving an Israeli withdrawal and securing for the Palestinians the right of self-determination should be considered more important than procedures and technicalities."

"In case we come to an agreement with the international powers that could delineate the aims and purpose of the Geneva peace conference, then we are sure to agree on the Arab level on formalities and procedures," King Hussein added.

The King stressed to the delegation that Jordanian-Syrian relations are solid and present a living example that the Arabs are capable of working for the good of their people despite difference in their regimes.

The most important factor of instability in the region lies in the Israeli occupation and the persistent military danger it constitutes, which threatens not only the Arab confrontation states but also the heart of the Arab nation.

His Majesty said that Jordanian-Egyptian relations were good and characterised by understanding and coordination. Egypt, which is the leader of the Arab world, had offered a lot to the Arab cause, the King went on.

On the situation in Lebanon, His Majesty said that Israel tries persistently to explode the situation there to achieve its aims. Outside factors, besides Arab rivalries, also contribute towards the creation of a tense situation there, the King said.

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END OF AN ERA — Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin (left) escorted former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin out of the occupied Jerusalem prime minister's office, Tuesday, ending the run of the Labour Party premier's since 1948. (AP wirephoto).

Mideast to dominate Qadhafi-Tito parley

BELGRADE, June 21 (R). — Col. Muammar Qadhafi, leader of the Libyan Jamahiriyyah, arrived in Yugoslavia today for an official visit and talks with President Tito expected to centre on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the situation in the Mediterranean region.

Col. Qadhafi, de facto head of state, was taken to President Tito's summer residence on the Island of Brioni, on the northern Adriatic coast. His visit to Yugoslavia will last four days.

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President Tito and Col. Qadhafi would probably discuss moves to reconvene the Geneva Middle East conference as a way of bringing about a peaceful settlement in the region.

In addition, President Tito is likely to review the possibility of putting Middle East and Mediterranean problems on the agenda of the 35-state Belgrade security conference, whose preliminary stage opened last Wednesday.

Official sources said Yugoslavia was concerned about Libya's disputes with neighbouring and other Arab countries, particularly Egypt, and welcomed recent moves by Col. Qadhafi to settle them.

The sources expected that Col. Qadhafi would brief President Tito on initiatives by Libya and the Yemen Arab Republic to convene an Arab summit.

On the bilateral front, they were expected to discuss closer military, economic and technological cooperation.

Informed sources said Libya was buying Yugoslav-made tanks, naval vessels and small arms as part of this cooperation.

The call came in a recommendation adopted by the committees following a two-day

joint session to review the situation in south Lebanon. The meeting was chaired by speaker Kamel Al As'ad and attended by Foreign Minister Fuad Butros.

A statement issued after the deliberations, held in camera, said the situation in the south "seriously endangered the whole of Lebanon and the Arab region."

It added that dealing with the problem was a "joint Arab responsibility."

The statement called on the Lebanese authorities to carry out "intensive Arab contacts to ward off the danger threatening Lebanon and the region."

It also urged the government to adopt "a decisive stand preventing the use of pretexts by Israel and putting an end to the gap and the absence of the legitimate authorities there."

If necessary, the government should call for an Arab conference to deal with the situation, the statement said.

Continued armed clashes in south Lebanon between Lebanese rightists supported by Israel and their leftist-Palestinian antagonists have created fears among some Lebanese that Israel might intervene militarily.

In a separate development the Egyptian weekly magazine Rose El Youssef reported in its June 13, issue that an Israeli diplomatic representation has been opened at the village of Ramish in south Lebanon.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 21 (R).

— Prime Minister Menachem Begin's new cabinet took office today as 1.4 million Israelis were called to the polls in a trade union election of major importance to the future of the new government.

Mr. Begin, 63, was sworn in shortly after midnight as the country's seventh head of government, and the first from outside the ranks of the Labour Party.

Labour was toppled from power in general elections last month, and the right-wing Likud bloc which Mr. Begin leads was hoping to repeat that upset success in the elections today for council members in the powerful Histadrut trades union federation.

The Histadrut has traditionally been controlled by the Labour Party. It could seriously hamper Mr. Begin's domestic policies if it remained under its present Labour leadership. The Histadrut includes nearly all the salaried workers in Israel as well as their families who are linked to the group through various pension and health funds.

Affiliated to the Histadrut are giant industrial cooperatives and nearly all of Israel's kibbutzim (collective farming villages). The group controls or owns nearly one-third of the Israeli economy.

The Likud is making a particular effort to unseat the Labour Party, who won nearly 60 per cent of the poll in the last Histadrut elections four years ago. Likud then won close to 23 per cent.

The new Immigrant Absorption Minister, Mr. David Levi, is the Likud's candidate to take over from Histadrut Secretary General and Labour Party leader Yeruham Meshel.

But as in the May 77 general elections, Labour may lose considerably at the expense of the newly-formed Democratic Movement for Change (DMC), which is also seeking representation on the Histadrut's council.

Voting was light in the morning but most Histadrut members were expected at the polls only in the late afternoon. Many factories and offices closed at noon because of the elections.

With temperatures around the country in the high 20's centigrade (about 85 Fahrenheit) and with cloudless blue skies, many Israelis went to the beaches or the forests before going to vote. About 68 per cent of eligible voters cast their ballots in 1973.

Several incidents leading to fistfights were reported in varying voting centres and police said they were usually the result of one party or another complaining that not enough

As Histadrut election starts

Begin cabinet takes office in Israel

state of alert "unprecedented since the October 1973 war."

The paper gave no further details. In a separate development, a reliable source said today that Israel cannot completely exclude the possibility of Washington cutting off deliveries of weapons to force it to accept certain conditions during peace negotiations.

Cutting off military aid would not hurt the armed forces for 12 to 18 months, but in the long run, they are heavily dependent on U.S. financial aid and equipment, the source added.

He pointed out that the Carter administration has failed to approve a single Israeli request for arms since taking office in January. And only deliveries approved by the Ford administration are taking place.

The source said that the Israeli air force is now equal to the combined British and French air forces, and that the power of Israeli armoured units is half that of the entire North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). Israeli strength has increased greatly since the October 1973 war but the strength of neighbouring Arab countries has not grown substantially, the source said.

Mr. Peres' career started in the shadow of Mr. Dayan and relations between the two men are believed to be close still, despite Mr. Dayan's defection from Labour ranks to take the Foreign Ministry portfolio.

Mr. Begin meanwhile received warm congratulations on his taking office from President Jimmy Carter, whom he will meet in Washington on July 18.

President Carter said in the message that he was inviting the new Israeli leader in order to establish a personal relationship and exchange views on a Middle East peace settlement and other matters of mutual concern.

Meanwhile, Israel launched yesterday the largest-scale mobilisation in years when secret code words broadcast insistently over Israeli radio stations were sending Israeli reservists racing to join their military units.

Radio and television announcers broke in to programmes to read lists of code words, such as "insurance policy," "easy work," "spark" or "animosity."

When each reservist heard his code word, he was obliged to drop everything and report at once to his unit. A military spokesman said the reservists, along with their requisitioned automobiles, would be mobilised after a short period.

Israeli specialists say the broadcast code system permits mobilisation in record time.

In Kuwait, the Kuwaiti daily newspaper Al Syassah said today that Syrian and Jordanian forces on the borders with Israel had been put on a state of alert.

Quoting Arab diplomatic sources, the paper said Jordanian forces have been put under a

OPEC halts oil price increase

AMMAN, June 21 (R). — Eleven members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have frozen plans to increase oil prices on July 1. Riyadh Radio said today.

The radin quoted Saudi Arabia's Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, as saying he had received a letter from Venezuela's Mines and Energy Minister Valentin Hernandez Acosta saying there would be no increase until the OPEC ministerial council had met.

At a meeting last December all OPEC members except Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) decided to impose a 10 per cent price increase in January, followed by an additional five per cent on July 1.

Saudi Arabia and the UAE decided to raise their oil prices in January by only five per cent.

The OPEC ministerial council is due to meet in Stockholm on July 12.

Riyadh Radio said Sheikh Yamani had told the daily newspaper Al Medina he had received a letter from Senor Hernandez saying the 11 OPEC countries involved had agreed to freeze their five per cent increase plan.

Sheikh Yamani was quoted as saying that Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) would decide on their position after the July 12 meeting.

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Prime minister tells Egyptian pressmen Jordanian-PLO dialogue not broken down

(JNA). — Premier Badran stated Tuesday Jordanian-PLO dialogue has not been broken off in fact still going on. He said in a press conference, talking to a visiting press delegation headed by President of Egypt's Press Syndicate, Mr. Youssuf...

Director of Egyptian ambassador

(JNA). — The Director of the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Dr. Albert... discussed with the RSS and its activities in the field of science and technology.

Statistical team returns from Cairo

(JNA). — A Jordanian statistical team returned here after attending a meeting of the Arab Statistical Conference in Cairo, which ended in a press conference...



Premier Muder Badran Tuesday answers a point at a meeting with a visiting delegation of Egyptian pressmen, who arrived here from Damascus Sunday. (JNA photo).

PLA HEAD SENDS CABLE OF THANKS TO KING HUSSEIN

AMMAN (JNA). — The Chief of Staff of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), Maj-Gen. Misbah Al Budeiri, who recently visited Jordan, has expressed his thanks and gratitude for the help accorded by His Majesty King Hussein to members of the PLA, who were wounded in the recent fighting in Lebanon.

Committee recommends \$2,000 per capita income

DAMASCUS, June 21 (JNA). — The technical committee of the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Committee for Planning and Development has recommended that per capita income in the two countries should be raised to \$2,000 per annum by the year 2000.

STATISTICS ... STATISTICS ... STATISTICS

AMMAN (JNA). — The Port of Amman witnessed increased activity in the first quarter of this year following improvements to facilities and the arrival of a floating berth in March.

Sources at the Department of Statistics said the value of exports in January totalled JD 4,259,000 against JD 3,430,000 in January 1976.

Production of pipes and accessories last January amounted to 59 tons, tiles 39 and paper 474.

Exports in the first quarter of this year totalled JD 17 million compared to JD 13 million in the same period last year.

The number of local and foreign companies in Jordan totalled 6,600 in May. The total capital of these commercial and industrial companies amounts to JD 285 million, a source at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce stated.

The number of private cars in Jordan increased by 34.3 per cent in 1976 compared to the 1975 figures.

Capacity of unloading at the port now stands at 6,000 tons per day and the average number of ships per month stands at 38 and loaded goods 86,277 tons, according to port officials.

Figures released by the Traffic Department show that there were 28,615 private cars in 1976 as against 21,603 in 1975. The number of buses increased by 18.4 per cent (862 buses in 1976 against 728 in 1975) and lorries by 47.7 per cent (12,493 against 8,453).

The savings accounts of the Housing Bank up to the end of June reached JD 6 million, an increase of JD 1 million over bank projections up to the end of 1977, according to the bank's Director General, Mr. Zuhair Khoury.

Exports in January increased 24 per cent over the same month in 1976. Imports rose by 117 per cent over the two periods.

Prince Ali Dam to ease Amman water shortage

AMMAN (J.T.). — Amman will see its first dam under construction in the next two years. Prince Ali Dam, to be built in Wadi Abdoun on the western boundary of the city, will ease the capital's water shortage and provide the location of a much-needed park for its inhabitants.

No Ordinary Dam

This is no ordinary dam, for it will not supply water to the capital by pipeline, as its bigger brother, the King Talal Dam on the Zaqra River, will do from 1980.

Conflict With King Talal Dam

King Talal Dam engineers have argued that they lose out from such a project, since Prince Ali Dam will cut off water that now flows to the Zaqra River and then to the dam itself.

Rather, it will store excess storm water and ensure it seeps through to the aquifer (underground water level), where it is taken from a series of wells supplying Amman.

It is now accepted, however, that there will be no loss. During a very wet winter, when excess water from Wadi Abdoun reaches the Zaqra River, the 92-metre-high dam itself would have to spill large amounts of water to prevent an overflow.

At the moment, wastage occurs because rain water flows down from the wadi to the Zaqra River. If a dam is constructed across the wadi, this water can be trapped and allowed to slowly seep through the floor of the reservoir to the aquifer.

Problems may arise in this mechanism, according to the Director General of the Water and Sewerage Corporation, Mr. Tahseen Sabbagh, for if the base of the reservoir is silted up, the water can no longer reach the aquifer.

Regular maintenance can solve this headache, he stressed, through excavating the base or drilling bore holes.

Mr. Sabbagh further stressed that it is more economical to store the excess water near Amman than to let it flow into

Air team leaves for Morocco, Tunisia, Libya

AMMAN (JNA). — A Jordanian civil aviation delegation left here Tuesday for talks with its counterparts in Tunisia, Morocco and the Libyan Jamahiriyah to conclude bilateral air transport agreements with these three countries.

Talks held on civil status cooperation

DAMASCUS, June 21 (JNA). — Jordanian and Syrian sides resumed their discussions here yesterday to bolster cooperation and exchange of expertise concerning civil status.

Flood Control

Another aim of the project is to prevent flooding in Amman itself, for sometimes excess water gushes down into the Sall in the city centre and causes flood damage. If a dam can control the excess water flow, flooding can be eliminated.

Free Zone Company To Advise

The board of administration of the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Free Zone Company will hold a meeting in Cairo Wednesday under the chairmanship of the company's Director General, Dr. Taha Ball.

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ILO rejects critical report on USSR labour

UNITED NATIONS, Geneva, June 21 (AFP). — The current conference of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) last night rejected a report from its Committee on Norms criticising the Soviet Union for its social and labour union legislation.

The move came despite the efforts of the United States and the Western countries as a whole to win approval of the report. The rejection resulted from the absence from the proposed report of any censure of Israel's policies.

adoption. All of the Arab and Communist countries and the majority of Third World nations abstained in the vote.

The American delegation made no comment, but Western observers believed that the United States might decide to carry through with American withdrawal from the ILO -- which received the required advance notice of intention to withdraw during the Ford administration.

The Americans have complained loudly about what they call "growing politicisation" of the ILO. Among their four complaints about the organisation were "selection" of countries to be condemned for non-respect of international social conventions and failure to follow regular procedures.

On May 27, U.S. President Jimmy Carter confirmed the American position.

The vote today illustrated these two complaints. The conference experts had accused the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia of not respecting con-

ventions they had signed, but rejection of the report enabled those two countries to escape condemnation.

Moreover, the proposed report provided for consideration of the situation in Israeli-occupied Arab territories by an expert committee that meets only once a year, in March. The Arab nations felt that such a move would bury the issue, while this procedure would have satisfied the United States and Israel.

Finally, it is obvious to observers that the conference has become politicised compared with previous years, since this year, for the first time, there have been meetings of the "group of 77" (developing countries). Formerly there were only groups of government delegates, employer representatives, and labour union delegates.

For the first time at the current conference, the nine nations of the European Common Market were unanimous. Their position, similar to that of the United States, was presented by Britain.

OPEC members

Meeting for next meeting

VIENNA, June 21 (AFP). — Permanent representatives of the members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) met here yesterday to finalise preparations for the next meeting of OPEC oil ministers.

The ministers are to meet at Saltsjoebaden near Stockholm from July 12.

The permanent representatives, forming OPEC's Board of Governors, were to draw up the agenda for next month's ministerial talks in cooperation with OPEC's Secretary General.

Unification of OPEC oil prices is likely to be a central issue, observers here said.

The board meeting was expected to wind up today or Wednesday.

U.S. inaugurates new Alaskan pipeline

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AFP). — The United States yesterday quietly inaugurated its new Alaska pipeline with the words "they launched the pig" -- referring to a plastic electronic package being pushed through the pipeline by the first oil moving from Alaska's North Slope to the state's southern port of Valdez.

The "pig" and the oil began to move at 18:00 GMT Monday as scheduled, when a computer opened the valves to send oil from the Prudhoe Bay deposits into the pipeline, which will eventually supply about 10 per cent of America's oil needs.

But it will take a month to a month and a half for the first of the oil to reach Valdez, as it is moving at less than two kms. (1.2 miles) an hour through the 1,300-km (800-mile) pipeline. The conduit cost \$9 billion, nearly 10 times as much as the initial estimates made nine years ago.

The pig is a plastic cylinder stuffed with electronic material

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to enable technicians to follow the slow movement of the oil through the steel tube. Teams of technicians are working in relays on the tundra to check out indications of leaks.

The first leaks were noted only two hours after the pipeline began functioning, but they were said to be minor. "That is part of the start-up", emphasised the director of pumping station number one in Prudhoe Bay, Mike Jens. Others will certainly be found in the future.

There was no fanfare as operations began. One of the people who have been working on the pipeline said "it is just another day".

A spokesman for the Alyeska Corporation, owner of the pipeline, said the company wanted to inaugurate operations as efficiently and calmly as possible. He said celebrations would come later.

Egypt's oil exports up

CAIRO, June 21 (R). — Egypt's projected exports of crude oil and petroleum products this year are expected to amount to more than 327 million pounds (same sterling) the Middle East News Agency said yesterday.

Total exports last year were 257.04 million pounds.

The agency quoted Trade Minister, Mr. Zakaria Tawfik Abdul Fattah, as telling a parliamentary committee last Tuesday that 80 per cent of Egypt's total exports to the United States last year were oil.

Paris "drink-in" fails to convert pure coffee

PARIS, June 21 (R). — Thousands of Parisians had a free drink in their local bistros Monday morning, and they didn't like it one bit.

French cafe owners staged a two-hour "drink-in" to enable customers to taste a new mixture of coffee and chicory which the government -- appalled at the spiralling cost of coffee imports -- hopes will woo the average Frenchman away from pure coffee.

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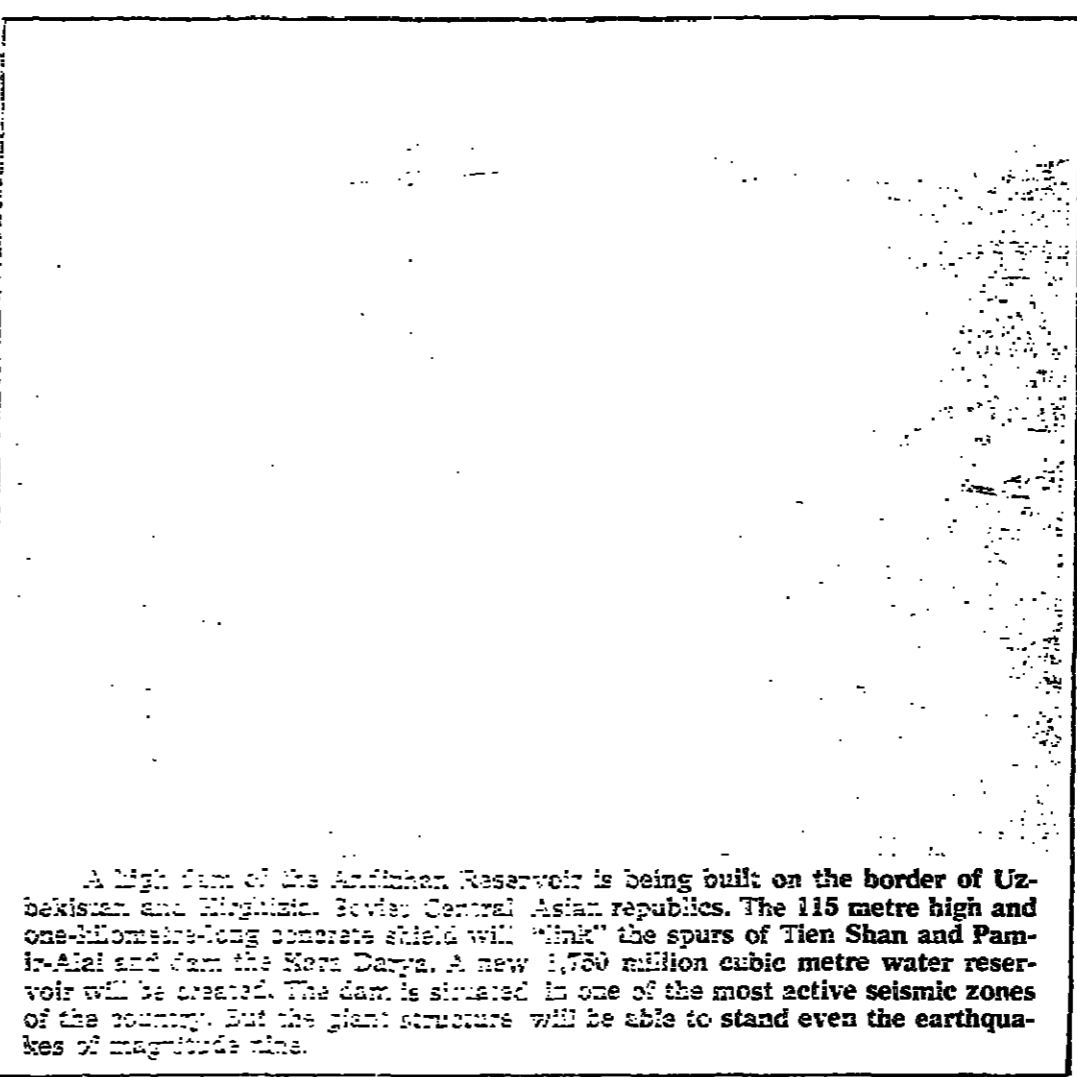
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Dam will begin stabilising cotton prices

GENEVA, June 21 (R). — Representatives of 24 countries yesterday began a week of talks here on prospects for stabilising cotton prices and market supplies which have fluctuated widely in recent years.

The world's leading exporters and importers attended the meeting which had before it a report by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) regarding an international buffer stock as a central feature of a possible international agreement on cotton.

The UNCTAD report also suggested that the buffer stock, of more than 550,000 tons (2.5 million bales), could be supported by controls on production and exports, and multilateral supply and purchase commitments.

The meeting is one of a series organised by UNCTAD as part of an "integrated programme" aimed at negotiating stabilisation agreements for a number of leading commodities to protect export earnings of Third World producers.

U.S. AID director makes last finding

TEL AVIV, June 21 (R). — Mr. John A. Shagan, Director of U.S. AID, has announced the Agency for International Development arrived here yesterday for talks with Israeli officials.

He has come to Israel, with a fact-finding mission to the Middle East and will conduct talks with Israeli officials of Finance and Foreign Affairs, the Bank of Israel, and the Embassy staff.

The mission is directly related to the secretary of State's plan to increase U.S. government assistance abroad.

U.S. AID appropriations for the Middle East, which are being used to encourage the peaceful development of the area, amounting to \$1.8 billion, are approved to \$1.7 billion, Mr. Shagan said.

Yemen seeks French loans

SANA, June 21 — North Yemeni President Ibrahim Ali Hamdi will seek long-term loans from France when he visits Paris for three days from July 4. Foreign Minister Abdulrahman Al Asnag said here yesterday.

Speaking to reporters, the minister estimated the expected loans at between 500 million and one billion francs (between about 630 million and 1,250 million).

Mitsubishi completes building \$1.8 billion project with Saudi Arabia

OSAKA, June 21 (R). — Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. said today a large industrial complex was under construction in Saudi Arabia.

The project, which would be built at Al Jubail, is the largest industrial project ever undertaken by the company with an estimated cost of 900,000 tons, the world's largest steel plant.

The complex will include facilities such as schools, roads, hospitals and homes for workers.

It added that many of the workers for the complex would have to be recruited from nearby countries, including South Korea.

Mitsubishi last year proposed 1985 as the completion date, but it said today Saudi Arabia wanted it finished earlier.

WALL STREET REPORT

Prices managed another moderate gain in very active trading Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange, where the Dow Jones industrial average rose more than four points.

Investors were encouraged by a Commerce Department announcement that the consumer price index had risen only 0.6 per cent in May against 0.8 per cent in April. Traders, however, remained cautious in spite of a general mood of optimism fuelled by favourable economic news in recent days.

Gainers outnumbered losers at the close (871 to 555), as a group of shares closed on a mixed to higher tone.

Motion picture, television and computer issues, however, were mostly lower. Sony lost 1/4 to 9/16 in active trading. Twentieth Century Fox fell one point to 22-1/4. On the other hand, Pan Am rose 1/4 to \$6.

At the close, the industrial average shows at 228.68, a gain of 4.33 points. Transp at 239.19 a loss of 0.29; utilities at 117.43 a gain of 1.38. 29,730,000 shares changed hands, of which 4,200 during the last hour.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed mixed Tuesday with government share firming in afternoon trading while leading industrials were soft at the lower levels, dealers said. Trading continued quiet.

Long dated government loans were around 1/8 higher, early falls while shorts gained up to 3/8, with small buying noted in high coupon shorts. Dealers considered the market to be largely technical but sentiment was aided by hopes that short-term interest rates will not rise for the time being. Leasquities drifted a few pence easier and at 15:00 the FT-100 was down 2.5 at 442.7.

Oils and banks followed the easier trend while mining continued firm in line with the gold bullion price. Australian Canadians tended easier.

Allied breweries erased an earlier penny gain after figures for 32 weeks.

Leading equities had falls ranging to 7p but most losses in the 1p to 3p range and one or two shares edged a little below the trend. ICI, Courtauld, Marks, EMI, GEC, GKN, Bechtel, Dunlop and Unilever all closed up to 3p easier, initial small gains.

Price of gold closed in London Tuesday at \$141.50/50.

PHARMACISTS NEWS BRIEFS

PARIS, June 21 (AFP). — The U.S. Commerce Department yesterday announced a new increase in its estimate of the U.S. rate of inflation during the first quarter of 1977, rising from 5.4 per cent to 5.7 per cent on an annual basis.

The department's new estimate had been 5.2 per cent, which was revised to 5.5 per cent. It said that the annual inflation rate in the second quarter was 5.7 per cent, the first time since 1974 that it has exceeded 5.5 per cent.

ALBANY, June 21 (AFP). — About 50,000 doctors in Italian hospitals and clinics began a two-day strike at midnight, which could have serious medical care in most hospitals. Only urgent cases will be treated. The strike is in protest against modifications to the government plan to unify Italy's outdated and complicated health system by creating a national health scheme. The Italian Medical Federation and the Hospital Workers' Union have threatened the action, and appealed to physicians to

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

GENEVA, June 21 (AFP). — Peter Lougheed, Premier of the Canadian province of Alberta, started talks here today to seek "peace agreements" with Iran in the fields of petroleum, natural gas and other resources, Canadian newspapers reported. Mr. Lougheed was spending two days in Iran during a tour of oil-producing countries in the Middle East. He will see Prime Minister Amir Abbas Khomeini and visit paramilitary institutions at Ahvaz and Chiraz. Alberta is the main source of oil and gas in Canada.

YUVALE, June 21 (AFP). — Nationalist Chinese President Yen Chia-kang will pay an official three-day visit to Saudi Arabia starting July 10, it was announced yesterday. The visit will be the first here by a Nationalist Chinese head of state and Mr. Yen will be met by King Khalid.

MOSCOW, June 21 (AFP). — The Soviet Union said today it was ready to enter into economic cooperation with developing countries to boost their food production, and declared international dialogue was necessary to win the global fight against hunger. Soviet Chief Delegate and Minister Vladimir Mordvinov was addressing the second-day plenary session of the 6-nation third ministerial conference of the World Food Council (WFC), the United Nations intergovernmental body on food matters. Mr. Mordvinov said the Soviet Union was prepared to offer economic cooperation with the developing countries, including in the area of agricultural production. He said the increase in international dialogue should "be reasonably" on the council's efforts to find solutions to the world food problem.

New quotas sought to save species

Japan accused of using trickery in whaling

CANBERRA, June 21 (AFP). — Japan came under fire today at the International Whaling Commission meeting for allegedly using trickery to kill more whales than its annual quota.

Members of the Scientific Committee attacked the Japanese delegation for using scientific permits to kill whales for their meat rather than for scientific research.

The IWC again refused to allow journalists to attend today's meeting, but delegates said later there had been angry exchanges over the Japanese issue.

Members of the scientific committee are reported to have asked Japan to provide the meeting with the data it had got from the number of sea whales it had killed under the "scientific permits" scheme.

As tempers rose, the Panama Commissioner, Senor Fortom-gouin, asked the Japanese delegation if Japan would abide by the Scientific Committee's recommendations on the quotas for the coming season.

The Japanese leader, Mr. K. Yonezawa, reported to have replied heatedly "Mr. Chairman, I don't have to answer such an insulting question."

The IWC also heard allegations that Japan was using corporate tricks to kill large numbers of whales.

According to the Canada-based Greenpeace Foundation, Japanese whalers are organising subsidiary companies outside Japan to avoid IWC regulations on their catch sizes, and to kill protected species for their edible meat.

A Greenpeace Delegate, Mr. Michael McGonigle, said the Japanese were setting up companies in Tonga and Sri Lanka to bolster existing operations in Peru, Chile, Brazil and South Korea.

Some of the nations in which Japanese whalers were alleged to be setting up their subsidiary companies were not members of the IWC and therefore not bound by its quotas.

IWC sources said the member nations today were considering the Scientific Committee's recommendations on the next year's quotas and discussion was described as "heavy going".

The sources said there was strong opposition from the Japanese and Soviet delegations to the main recommendation on the North-Pacific sperm whales.

The scientific committee has recommended that for next year the male sperm whale be

totally protected in the North Pacific and a quota of 763 females be allowed.

Greenpeace delegates are aiming this as a victory for work they have done in the North Pacific in sending out boats to interfere with and hamper the Soviet and Japanese fleets.

The quota this year for North Pacific sperm whales is for 45 males and 2880 females, a total of 7200.

But of last year's quota of 8300, the catch was only 2446 -- a figure that was 2446 short of the quota but more significantly a drop of 2000 on previous year.

Observers believe that if the coming year's quota is adopted it would mean the end of whaling in the North Pacific for the Soviet and Japanese boats because it would not be economically viable to go only 763 females.

It also calls into question the work of the IWC over recent years, according to Greenpeace delegates.

They said the IWC had been claiming to preserve whales that was clear from the fact that the stocks of the sperm whale in the North Pacific had been declining alarmingly.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at start of today's business as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

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UAE dirham	83.8
U.K. sterling	589
U.S. dollar	330
German mark	140.4
French franc	66.9
Swiss franc	132.8
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	2.4945 / 60	Dutch guilders
	2.4955 / 65	Swiss francs
	36.08 / 09	Belgian francs
	4.9425 / 35	French francs
	884.90 / 885.10	Italian lire
	272.65 / 75	Japanese yen
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GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Check your surroundings and make needed improvements. A new interest is peering, but don't make any changes now.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You have to alert to put your affairs in proper order today. Use proper manners with others and avoid trouble.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Study your monetary status well, and be sure not to invest more heavily than you can afford. Evening is fine for entertainment.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Some existing conditions could cause you to make radical changes, but this would not be wise. Take health treatments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Instead of feeling frustrated over existing conditions, get busy and do that work that faces you. Show that you have wisdom.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Show more consideration for your friends and gain their backing for an important project you have in mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't neglect to handle an important civic matter. Avoid that temptation to spend more money than you can afford.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study new projects that could increase your income in the days ahead. Don't lose your temper with anyone at this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Make sure you handle your responsibilities well and don't dash out on any silly notions. Try to please mate more.

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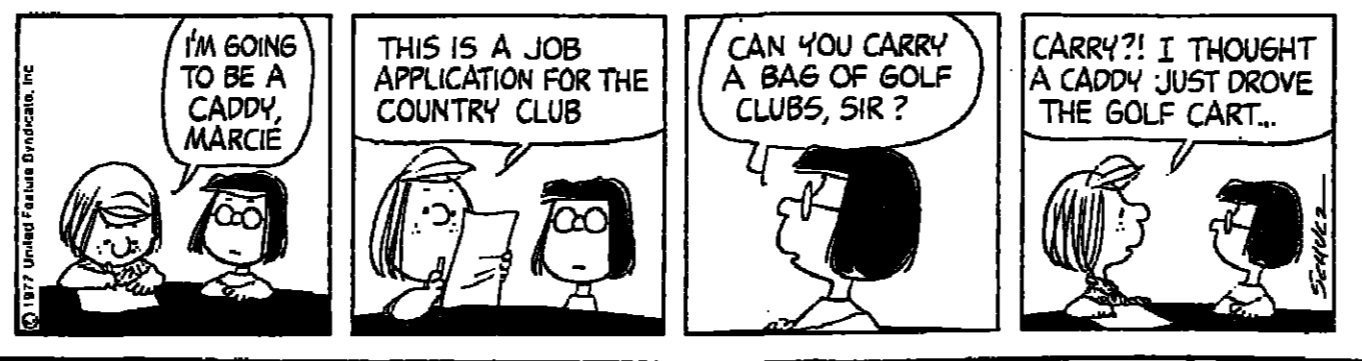
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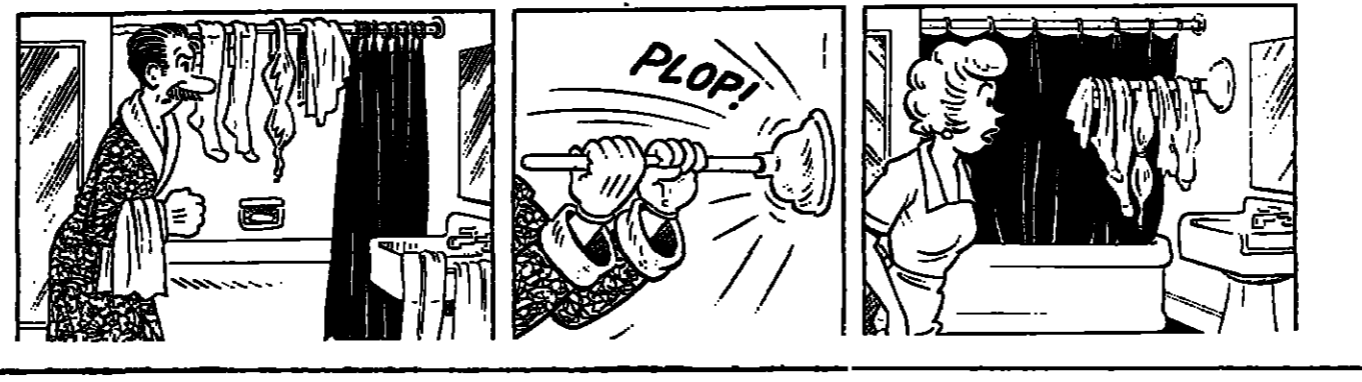
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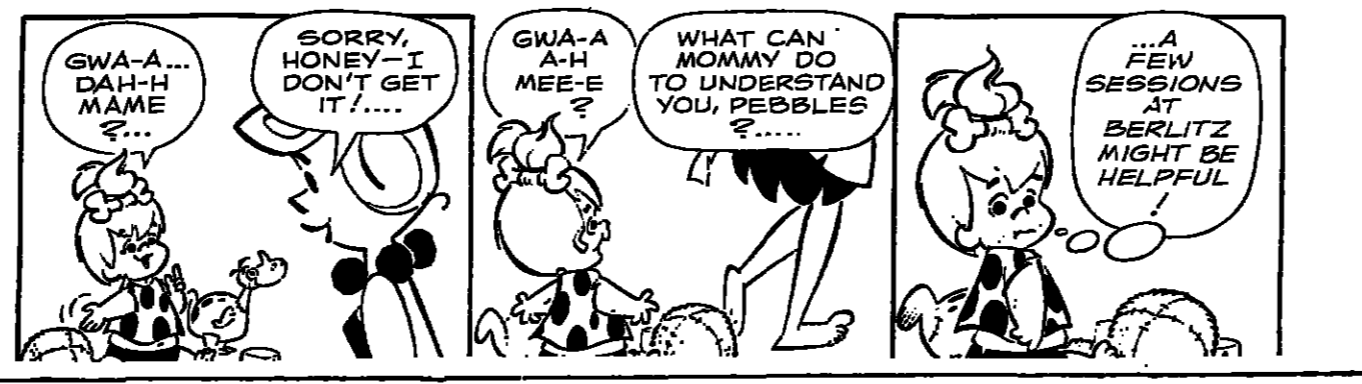
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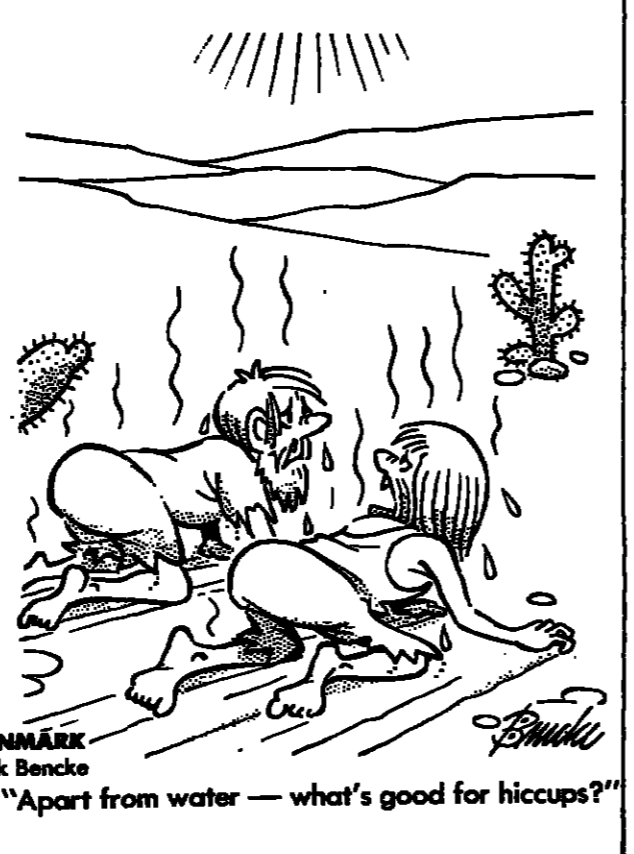
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♠ J96
♥ 1093
♦ KQ109
♣ Q83

EAST
♠ A43
♥ J542
♦ 864
♣ K75

SOUTH
♠ K7
♥ AKQ
♦ J52
♣ AJ1092

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♣ Pass
1♦ Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Five of ♣.

Declarer found an unusual way to force the defenders into a choice of losing options on this deal from a rubber bridge game.

South judged that his 18-points and five-card suit made his hand a whit too strong for a one no trump opening bid, even opposite a partner who has passed originally. Therefore, he elected to open one club and rebid two no trump over his partner's diamond response, and North was delighted to go on to game.

West led his fourth-best spade, and declarer realized that he had a problem. The spade suit was likely to break 5-3, so declarer could not afford to knock out the ace of diamonds. Once the defenders got in with that card, they might be able to cash just enough spade tricks to defeat the hand.

Declarer saw that there was a way to come to nine tricks without using the dia-

monds. The opening spade lead guaranteed him a trick in that suit, and there were three sure heart tricks. If the club king were onside, declarer could score five club tricks to bring his total to nine.

There was just one drawback to that line—declarer had no quick entry to the table. In case West was leading from A-Q-10 in spades, declarer played dummy's nine to the first trick. That chance evaporated when East produced the ace. But declarer came up with a deft counter-stroke. In the hope that West had led from the queen of spades, he jettisoned his king under the ace!

The defenders tried their best. East shifted to a heart, taken by declarer. If East held the ace of diamonds in addition to the presumed king of clubs, the contract could have been underwritten, so declarer led a diamond toward dummy. West rose with the ace and, in an attempt to mislead declarer as to the location of the spade queen, he shifted back to the ten of spades. But declarer would not be diverted from his plan. He called for dummy's jack of spades. When that held, all that was needed to make the rest of the tricks was a successful club finesse.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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WHISS
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DISMOW
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Answer: FOR A

Yesterday's Jumbles: COWER BERYL FINISH OBLONG
Answer: Bent on having a drink—ELBOWS

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. "Riters"
6. Tropical fruit
11. Violent surf on Guinea
12. Negatively charged atom
13. Decks
14. Ships ropes
15. Mum
16. Susan Hampshire is one
18. English letter
19. Diaries
21. Caustic
23. Palm
25. Compass point
26. Dental group abbr.
28. Yataghan
32. Foundation
36. Coarse fabric
37. Baseball term
38. Sincere
41. Poe's bird
43. Alternate
45. Eaglestone
46. Old Roman army troops
47. Carried
48. Records
49. Down
51. Living room
52. Maintain
53. New comb. form
54. Mischief-makers
55. Social order
56. Housekeeper
57. Keel-bitted cuckoo
58. Relative
59. Authoritarian bridge
60. Encounter
61. Arboreal marsupial
62. Land measure
63. Cicada
64. Admistr
65. Beautified
66. Unit
67. Be careful
68. Those related on mother's side
69. Rambler
70. Headgear
71. Muse of poetry
72. Ship's crane
73. Weight of gems, variant
74. Mascagni heroine
75. Bikini time in France
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Ecevit forms cabinet, is appointed premier

ANKARA, June 21 (R). — Social Democrat Bulent Ecevit became Turkey's new Prime Minister today, appointed by President Fahri Koruturk over the bitter opposition of the right-wing leaders who have governed for the past two years.

The appointment of Mr. Ecevit, whose Republican People's Party (RPP) topped the poll

in the June 5 elections, set the scene for a close parliamentary battle when he seeks a vote of confidence -- probably within about two weeks.

The RPP's current strength stands at 214 in the 450-seat National Assembly -- 12 below an absolute majority. It can probably count on up to half a dozen more Independents and Centre-Party members, and will seek the additional support it needs from individual members of the parties opposed to it.

Mr. Ecevit named a cabinet drawn entirely from his party, except for one Independent. He has been basing his appeals for support on the widespread sense of urgency here over the need for firm government to tackle Turkey's pressing problems.

These include widespread political violence and a severe foreign exchange shortage -- stemming from Turkey's huge balance-of-payments deficit -- which is already holding up needed imports.

Mr. Ecevit told reporters as he left the Presidential Palace today: "Our first duty is to establish peace and brotherhood in the country, and to strengthen national unity in an atmosphere of freedom and differences of thought which are part of democracy."

Referring to the uncertain prospects for a vote of confidence he said the government would continue only if it could gain parliament's support.

Mr. Ecevit, who revitalised his party -- the oldest in Turkey -- was premier for seven-and-a-half months in 1974 until he tired of trying to work with his Islamic-oriented coalition partners and stepped down.

During his brief term in office, he reacted firmly when rightwing Greek-Cypriots staged a coup on Cyprus temporarily deposing President Makarios and posing an apparent threat to the Turkish-Cypriot minority. Mr. Ecevit sent the Turkish army in to secure the northern part of the island.

Morocco, Mauritania sign pact

RABAT, June 21 (R). — Morocco and Mauritania have signed a mutual defence pact to "defend their territories against aggression," according to a communique published here yesterday.

The communique said any attack on one country would be considered an attack on the other. It was issued after a meeting of the Moroccan-Mauritanian Defence Committee set up last month.

Boumedienne pardons 6 jailed Frenchmen

ALGIERS, June 21 (Agencies). — Six Frenchmen found guilty of economic crimes have been pardoned by Algerian President Houari Boumedienne and the official news agency Algerie Presse Service reported today.

Among the six Frenchmen being released are engineers Michel Polleio and Jean Claude Chaudard, sentenced last year to 10 and three years in prison respectively, in a case that was

The committee decided on "practical measures to be taken to safeguard and defend the national unity and territorial integrity of the two countries," the communique said.

The conflict between Mauritania and Morocco with guerrillas of the Algerian-based Polisario front was not specifically mentioned in the communique, but observers said it was clear that the joint defence plans are designed to protect the two countries from guerrilla attacks in the Western Sahara.

Jewish extremists will not "allow" parade near Chicago

NEW YORK, June 21 (AFP). — Jewish militant Rabbi Meir Kahane has threatened bloodshed if U.S. Nazis parade on Independence Day (July 4) in a Chicago suburb.

felt in France to have been affected by the poor state of relations between Paris and Algiers at the time.

French diplomatic sources here said that the six will leave for Paris today.

The threat was made when Rabbi Kahane and 25 followers invaded the New York office of the American Civil Liberties Union yesterday because the ACLU had defended the right of the Nazis to parade.

The others include Mr. Jean Corti, sentenced to death in 1966 for smuggling counterfeit money. His sentence was commuted to 20 and then to 13 years, but his co-defendant was executed.

The Algerian authorities said on Sunday that they intended to amnesty several French nationals in the interests of improving relations with France.

21 U.S. firms pledge better working conditions for their non-white South African employees

WASHINGTON, June 21 (R). — Twenty-one American companies operating in South Africa yesterday pledged themselves to a six-point programme aimed at improving conditions for their non-white employees in the racially-segregated republic.

Following the ACLU's intervention the U.S. Supreme Court justices voted five to four in favour letting the Nazis parade as planned in Skokie, a suburb north of Chicago.

After their release, only one Frenchman will remain in jail in Algeria under sentence. He is Mr. Philippe Voos, sentenced to 15 years in 1974 for theft fraud and economic espionage.

They joined 12 other companies, including some of America's largest corporations, who signed a statement of principles in March.

He said he had presented the names of the 21 new signatories to the State Department and the South African Embassy here earlier yesterday.

Four other French nationals are in custody, awaiting trial or release.

Collapse of W. German coalition now expected

BONN, June 21 (AFP). — Dissension inside the West German Social Democratic Party has led most observers to expect a possible collapse of its coalition with the Liberals.

Meetings with British, Swedish and Danish industrialists are scheduled later this year, Mr. Sullivan told a press conference here.

He described the document as "a platitudinous" and said its success would be in how it was followed up.

Five leftwing parliamentary members of the party defected last week when a series of tax measures were voted according to a compromise with the Liberal Party. That defection posed a serious threat to the government's slim, 10-vote majority in parliament.

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Vatican's paper comments on Pope Paul's 14th anniversary

VATICAN CITY, June 21 (AFP). — Pope Paul VI is "braving unpopularity" by issuing directives in accordance with the Gospel, the Vatican newspaper said in an editorial marking the 14th anniversary of his election today. The daily Osservatore Romano said Pope Paul, "who some people find perplexing, is braving unpopularity by giving directives and definitions that he knows are odious to worldly minds because he is boldly loyal to the Gospel."

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Professor at Rome University is 8th victim of leftist leg-shooting attacks

ROME, June 21 (R). — Two young women shot a 64-year-old university professor in the legs today, making him the eighth victim of such attacks by urban guerrillas in Italy this month.

Prof. Remo Cacciafesta, Dean of the Economics Faculty at Rome University, collapsed on the staircase of his home after being sprayed with automatic gun fire.

The feared "Red Brigades", an extreme leftwing guerrilla group, claimed responsibility for the attack in a phone call to the Italian news agency, ANSA.

Doctors said later that Prof. Cacciafesta, regarded by students as a rightwinger, was not in a serious condition.

Three journalists, two policemen and two factory foremen were the targets of previous leg-shootings, seen as part of a campaign to undermine Italy's political and social systems.

Urban guerrilla leader Renato Curcio and four other "Red Brigades" members are currently on trial in Milan.

Mr. Curcio is charged with the attempted murder of a policeman. Co-defendant Angelo Basone is on trial for arson and the others face charges ranging from resisting arrest to possession of firearms.

The "Red Brigades" are held responsible for bombings, shootings, kidnappings, armed robberies, and for assassinating lawyers and policemen during the past four years.

British M.P. arrested

LONDON, June 21 (AFP). — Police today arrested a Labour member of parliament as he tried to stop them arresting a film processing laboratory hit by a 10-month-old strike.

Audrey Wise at the Grunwick factory in the northern suburbs.

The M.P.s had gone to the plant in solidarity with members of the union which called the strike to back its demand for recognition by the factory management.

Police yesterday arrested 17 amid violent clashes outside the factory.

Israel exports \$84 m worth of arms in 1976

TEL AVIV, June 21 (R). — Israeli arms exports last year were worth \$84 million, almost double the value in 1975, Mr. Michael Shor, Director of the country's government-controlled Defence Industries said yesterday.

He added that orders for hundreds-of-millions of dollars worth of weapons and equipment had been signed with foreign customers.

Speaking to senior directors of the industry, Mr. Shor said the first consignments of Israel's new assault rifle, the Galil, had already reached their destination abroad.

Informed sources said the weapon had been sold to two European countries.

Though careful not to reveal details of Israel's arms industry and exports, Mr. Shor told the directors that Israeli-made 105 mm. tank guns were being supplied to foreign customers on a regular basis since 1976.

The Israeli arms industry's products also include jet fighter planes, tanks, missile boats, small arms and electronic equipment.

1,000 experts discuss suicide

HELSINKI, June 21 (R). — Medical, social and theological experts spend the next three days discussing suicide in a meeting here -- during which more than 30,000 people throughout the world will try to kill themselves, according to official statistics.

conscious or unconscious cry for help from a potential suicide victim before it is too late.

More than 1,000 delegates from 40 countries, to the Ninth International Congress on Suicide Prevention starting today, will discuss the theme "self-destruction in a changing world."

On Thursday the experts will investigate perhaps the saddest problem facing the congress, that of suicide among children.

By the time the experts have ended their deliberations, statisticians reckon that 3,000 people -- one in 10 of all known suicide attempts -- will have taken their own lives.

The congress President, Prof. Kalle Achte of Finland, has said there was no universal profile of a would-be suicide, but the most highly-exposed individual appeared to be the lonely, middle-aged man with depressive tendencies.

Analysis of the problem will focus on several alarming trends, such as the increasing suicide rate among women and children and so-called indirect self-destruction committed through smoking or failure to seek treatment for serious illnesses.

The suicide rate among men was once four times that among women, but the women are now catching up. The experts believe this may be due to increasing strain as they achieve greater equality with men.

News focus

West wants USSR, China involved in Namibia accord

By Anne Weill Tuckerman

UNITED NATIONS, New York, June 21 (AFP). — Western members of the U.N. Security Council are consulting the Soviet Union and China this week to seek their endorsement of recent concessions by South Africa over Namibia (South West Africa).

Western sources here said they were hoping U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim would lose no time in drafting a personnel and administrative framework for the U.N. participation.

The two sides also disagree over SWAPO's demands for a privileged role in the negotiations.

The original South African plan would have excluded the only liberation movement recognised by the United Nations: The South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO).

The compromise which South Africa has accepted will allow all Namibian political parties to take part in elections for a constituent assembly while recognising SWAPO's probable emergence as the dominant formation.

The new compromise formula involves the appointment of a South African administrator for an interim period before independence to organise general elections. The United Nations would have a watch-dog role to ensure fair elections without intimidation or racial discrimination.

Dr. Waldheim will have an opportunity to meet African leaders concerned with Namibia at the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit next month in Libreville (Gabon).

After several months of consultations with the five Western powers the South African government agreed this month to shelve its project for a Namibian federated structure split along ethnic lines. But Western sources stress that without U.N. approval, the agreement is of little value.

There are still several stumbling blocks holding up a final settlement. One of these involves withdrawal of South African forces. SWAPO wants the troops out before the opening of the election campaign in Namibia; South Africa has agreed to withdraw its forces but in a longer term.

Attempt to transplant baboon heart fails in Cape Town

CAPE TOWN, June 21 (R). — South African transplant pioneer Dr. Christian Barnard said today his attempt to save a woman's life with a baboon's heart had failed because he waited too long.

After yesterday's unsuccessful 10-hour operation Prof. Barnard also said he now knew a baboon's heart could not carry the full circulation of a human. He would use chimpanzees in future.

The patient, a 26-year-old unnamed Italian woman, lived for five-and-a-half hours after the operation -- known as a "piggy back" -- at Groote Schuur Hospital. The baboon's heart was intended to supplement the patient's own ailing heart.

But when he tried to take the patient off the heart-lung machine that was used during the operation, her heart began to fail.

The woman's husband, who came from Italy to be with her, collapsed when he heard his wife had died and he too was admitted to the hospital suffering from shock.

"I then decided the only hope was to assist with another heart. We didn't have a human heart available but fortunately I had a baboon with the same blood group as the patient, so I transplanted the baboon heart," Dr. Barnard said.

"What I think I did wrong was that I waited too long," said Prof. Barnard, "but it was a new procedure and we decided to try everything else conventional before we transplanted the baboon heart."

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Dr. Barnard, who performed the world's first human heart transplant at Groote Schuur in December 1967, said his latest patient first came to the hospital from Italy three months ago.

He said she was suffering from coronary artery disease brought on by an inability to convert blood fat. He operated on her to replace a heart valve. But the operation was not a complete success and she had returned to the hospital last week.

Dr. Barnard said he decided to rebuild the upper chambers

of the patient's heart -- "an operation which I had never done before."

He said that as soon as he had transplanted the baboon heart, he took the patient off the heart-lung machine for the first time in 10 hours.

He said that after the transplant, the woman had been taken to a ward, where she woke up and looked round but did not speak. Her own heart had then deteriorated and she died.

Dr. Barnard said that in future he would use chimpanzees rather than baboon hearts when human donors were not available.

He said a number of chimpanzees had been ordered by Groote Schuur for this purpose from overseas. They had large hearts and could carry a greater proportion of the patient's circulation. They also presented less problems with rejection, he said.

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"At the moment I'm not feeling in too good shape," he said.

Insurgents blow up 5 bridges along Ethiopia's vital railway

ADDIS ABABA, June 21 (R). — Insurgents have blown up five bridges along a vital rail link between Addis Ababa and the port of Djibouti since the beginning of June, diplomatic sources said here today.

Most of the insurgents are in the area to the east of Dire Dawa close to the border with the French Territory of the Afars and Issas -- which becomes the independent Republic of Djibouti on Monday.

The 800 kms. railway will take between three and four months to repair, according to estimates quoted by the sources.

Original estimates that the repairs would be completed in two to three weeks have been drastically altered to between three or four months, the sources said.

They said even the revised estimates would depend on the ability of Ethiopian forces to clear away the guerrillas.

There are indications that some of the tens of thousands of militiamen being prepared for a mammoth parade here this week will be sent to the southeastern area because of the situation there.

Ethiopia blames the attacks on guerrillas trained and armed by Somalia in support of Mogadishu's claims to a huge slice of territory south of the railway line, which carries over 60 per cent of the country's foreign trade.

The disruption of the railway service is being interpreted by the sources as the reason for tightened fuel rationing for motorists in the capital.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

* SANA' June 21 (R). — Arab League Secretary General Mahmud Riad will soon tour Arab states to discuss North Yemen's proposal for convening an Arab summit conference, Foreign Minister Abdullah Al Asnag said here yesterday. He told reporters that President Ibrahim Al Hamdi yesterday received a written message from Mr. Riad informing him on the planned tour.

* SEOUL, June 21 (AFP). — U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Richard Schneider today denied as groundless the New York Times report that American intelligence agents bugged President Park Chung Hee's residence in Seoul to obtain evidence of involvement in a Washington bribery scandal.

* ARIDA, Japan, June 21 (AFP). — Families were running out of fresh food today following the closing of food markets when cholera broke out here last Thursday. There have been a total of 75 cholera cases and suspected cases in this city of 58,000 inhabitants, with one death so far. Health authorities believed the disease was contracted by a group of citizens who returned on May 28 from a tour of West War II battle sites in the Philippines. To stop a spreading boycott of farm products from the Arida region, members of the government ate four watermelons flown from there after a cabinet meeting today. Ministers assured newsmen that the melon was tasty as well as safe.

* MANILA June 21 (AFP). — Mrs. Imelda Marcos leaves for Moscow tomorrow on a special mission for her husband President Ferdinand Marcos, it was announced today. The itinerary and other details of Mrs. Marcos' fourth visit to the Soviet capital were not disclosed in the one paragraph announcement by the President's Office.

* LONDON, June 21 (AFP). — Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States will start consultations in Geneva on July 13 on the conclusion of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty, the Prime Minister's Office announced yesterday. Prime Minister James Callaghan foreshadowed such talks in a statement in the House of Commons last week.

* HONG KONG, June 21 (AFP). — Mr. Robert Mugabe, one of Rhodesia's black nationalist leaders, arrived in Peking yesterday on a friendly visit and almost immediately launched an attack on the Soviet Union. The New China News Agency quoted Mr. Mugabe, General Secretary of the Zimbabwe African National Union and joint leader of the Zimbabwe Patriotic Front, as stating at a banquet last night that the "aid rendered by (Soviet) social-imperialism to Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) was out of the ulterior motive of grabbing spheres of influence, contending for hegemony and fostering puppets there."

* ATHENS, June 21 (AFP). — Western intellectuals and politicians will take part in a symposium here in October on the future of democracy in the world, it was announced today. Greek Radio and Television, in a communique issued here, said those taking part would include Portuguese Premier Mario Soares and the President of the EEC Commission, Roy Jenkins. The former Premier of Sweden, Olof Palme, Britain, Harold Wilson, India, Indira Gandhi and the West German Social Democrat leader Willy Brandt would also take part, it said.

